Level crossings in Gujarat

428. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received some proposals for construction of level crossing from the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the number of level crossing selected for construction during the current year, location-wise and by when construction work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following proposals have been received and their status is as under:—

(i) Provision of new level crossing between Saranpur and Botad Railway Stations at km. 168/9-8 Sabarmati-Botad section on Bhavnagar Division.

(ii) Provision of new level crossing at km 744/2-3 in Rajkot Station yard of Rajkot Division.

(iii) Construction of new manned level crossing at km. 746/3-4 between Rajkot and Khanderi Stations on Rajkot Okha section of Rajkot Division.

At the proposed two locations (i) & (iii) above, the State Government has demanded level crossings for crossing the newly constructed State Highway across the Railway line. Keeping in view the requirement of future traffic, the State Govt. has been advised to propose Road Over Bridges instead of level crossings.

Regarding item (ii) the Railway has been asked to develop proposal for cabin operated interlocked gate on deposit terms.

Signalling system

429. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Loco Running Staff Association has blamed the faulty system for Ghatnandur, Maharashtra accident on 3rd January, 2003;